(c) the final view taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) No such communication has been received from CII.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase in load shedding after privatization in Delhi

3140. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that after privatization of electricity in Delhi load shedding has been increased;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is fact that meters installed by the private companies are generally very fast;

(d) the steps taken by Government to check these faults and the exact number of cases of faulty/fast meters were found during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the available information, the load shedding in Delhi has not increased after privatization and has been reduced as per details given below:

Years million	Energy consumed in million units	Load shedding in units
2001-02	18448	563
2002-03	19667	452
2003-04	20385	229
2004-05	20810	177
2005-06	21184	321

(c) and (d) The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission had conducted a Meter Testing Drive between October, 2005 to January, 2006 wherein 536 meters were tested and only 4 meters were found to be fast beyond the norms stipulated under the Indian Electricity Rules, 1956.

National Science and Research Foundation

3141. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to form a world class "National Science and Research Foundation";